

June 8, 2023

TO: Members of the MAG Human Services Technical Committee

FROM: Christina Panaitescu, City of Goodyear, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA
Thursday, June 8, 2023 – 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

The MAG Human Services Technical Committee meeting has been scheduled at the time noted above. The meeting will be held as a virtual meeting only, with no in-person attendance options available at this time. Instructions on how to participate will be provided via email to members of the committee. Members of the public will be able to view and listen to the meeting via a live video stream. You can watch the meeting online by [clicking here to go to MAG's YouTube channel](#). Public comments can be provided in written format through the MAG website at azmag.gov/comment. If you have questions, please contact the MAG office at (602) 254-6300.

In 1996, the Regional Council approved a simple majority quorum for all MAG advisory committees. If the MAG Human Services Technical Committee does not meet the quorum requirement, members who have joined the meeting will be notified that a legal meeting cannot occur and the meeting will end. Your participation in the meeting is strongly encouraged.

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If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact MAG at (602) 254-6300.



MAG Human Services Technical Committee

TENTATIVE AGENDA

June 8, 2023

1. Call to Order

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to provide input through written comment to the MAG Human Services Technical Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public are asked to submit written comments related to this meeting through the MAG website at azmag.gov/comment, and indicate for which meeting the comment is intended. Comments may be sent at any time leading up to the meeting, but must be received at least one hour prior to the posted start time for the meeting. Comments received prior to the deadline will be read aloud during the meeting. Comments must not exceed three minutes in length. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the MAG Human Services Technical Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that comments received for agenda items posted for action will be read at the time the item is heard.

Action Requested:
Information.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair will ask MAG staff to take a roll call vote to approve the minutes of the prior committee meeting.

Action Requested:
Approval of the April 13, 2023 meeting minutes.

4. Regional Affordable Housing Public Education Campaign Toolkit

On Dec. 8, 2021, the MAG Regional Council approved Pathways Home, the Regional Homelessness Action Plan for Local and Tribal Governments. One of the activities included in the plan is the development of a public education campaign to increase acceptance of affordable housing. In April 2022, the MAG Regional Council provided input on the early materials developed for the campaign and partners. Since that time, MAG has worked with Home Matters to Arizona, their consultant Javelina, and other partners to develop the campaign. The draft marketing strategy was shared in November 2022 and the campaign name and visual identity were shared in March 2023. The toolkit referenced during the March presentation has been completed and is now available for use. Local and tribal governments are encouraged to promote the campaign. Regional media buys will begin this fall. Amy St. Peter, Deputy Executive Director of MAG, will present on this item. Please refer to the attached toolkit

Action Requested:

Information and discussion.

5. Sober Living Homes

In May 2023, Attorney General Kris Mayes announced a sweeping Medicaid fraud investigation into sober living homes across Arizona. It is estimated up to 11,000 individuals may be involved; staff from Governor Katie Hobbs' administration will share steps city officials can take to help their citizens connect with available resources and what to do if they suspect abuse is taking place in their communities. Maggie Farry, Governor Hobbs' Intergovernmental Affairs Director; Zaida Dedolph, Governor Hobbs' health policy advisor; and Valaura Imus-Nahsonhoya, Founder and Executive Director of Honwungsi Missing Persons & Trafficking Recovery Program, will present on this agenda item.

Action Requested:

Information and discussion.

6. Heat Relief Network 2023

The Heat Relief Network is a regional partnership of municipalities, nonprofit organizations, the faith-based community, and businesses providing volunteer heat relief throughout the valley. Each year, MAG develops and maintains the interactive heat relief map available to the public, which displays cooling and respite centers, hydrations stations, and donation locations. The primary goal of the network each heat season (May 1 - Sept 30) is to prevent heat-related illnesses and deaths among vulnerable populations. Cleo Warner, MAG Human Services Planner, will provide an overview and updates on the Heat Relief Network.

Action Requested:

Information and discussion.

7. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Human Services Technical Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

Action Requested:

Discussion.

8. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for the Human Services Technical Committee to present a brief summary of current events and how others may be able to get involved.

Action Requested:

Discussion.

Adjournment